GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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POVERTY ALLEVIATION SCHEME
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of backward population living below poverty line in Maharashtra;

(b) the standard of living of the backward classes vis-Ã -vis that of the backward classes vis-Ã - vis that of the rest of the population in Maharashtra;

(c) the names of the Poverty Alleviation Schemes being implemented for the betterment for the backward population of the State; and

(d) the progress achieved so far in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) & (b) No authentic data of persons belonging to Other backward Classes (OBCs) livingbelow the poverty line in various States/UTs including Maharashtra is available with the Government.

(c) & (d) The Government of India has been implementing the following Centrally Sponsored Schemes for the Welfare of OBCs:-

(i) Pre-matric Scholarships for OBC Students;

(ii) POST-MATRIC Scholarships for OBC students;

(iii) Hostels for OBC Boys & Girls;

(iv) Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for the Welfare of OBCs; and

(v) Pre-examination Coaching for OBCs

As on 31.7.2001, Rs.92.34 lakhs benefiting 3060 OBC persons and Rs. 4.60 lakhsbenefiting 230 OBC persons have, so far, been released to the State of Maharashtra underthe schemes of Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for the welfare of OBCs and Pre-examination Coaching Scheme for OBCs respectively. No amount has so far beenreleased to the State of Maharashtra under other schemes for want of proposal from the State Government.

The Government of India has set up National Backward Classes Finance & DevelopmentCorporation (NBCFDC), which has been entrusted with the task of providing financial assistance to the eligible members of Backward Classes for setting up of self-employment ventures. As on 31.7.2001, the NBCFDC has, so far, released Rs.3800.81 lakhs to 7387 OBC persons through the State Channelising Agencies of Maharashtra under the schemes of the Corporation.

In addition, the Government has been implementing an urban poverty alleviationprogramme called Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) to provide gainful employment to the urban poor including OBCs living below the poverty line.

The Government is also implementing following poverty alleviation programmes for the rural poor including OBCs in the country;-

(i) Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS);

(ii) Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY);

(iii) Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY); and

(iv) Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY)